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Dear Ed:

I am sorry that your letter to me of 28 January has sat so long unanswered on my desk. I can only plead that, in Colonel Gibbs' absence in the hospital until a few days ago, I have been more snowed under than usual.

Even now, I am afraid I cannot give you a definite answer to your question because we have for sometime been at work on the matter of awards for all deserving personnel in this project. I feel strongly that appropriate awards should be given and I am inclined to share your view that this can well be done without breaching security.

When I received your letter, I asked how this work was progressing, and I believe that the full list will be presented to me very shortly. I am convinced that everyone you recommended will be included. And, I fully agree with your remarks about [redacted]

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I am still vague as to just what form the awards will take. As soon as this is clarified, I will communicate with you because I know of your great and most praiseworthy interest in the men that served under you. I, too, want to demonstrate to these men that their service to their country is recognized and that it is not going to be completely forgotten.

It sounds to me from what you say in your letter and from what I have heard as if you should be having a very enjoyable assignment. I hope this is indeed the case. It was good to hear from you, and I repeat that I appreciate your continuing interest. Please do not fail to pay us a visit if you come through here.

With warmest personal regards.

Yours,

Dick

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NRO review(s) completed.

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